

BALLENGER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST CHAPLAIN

(Mr. BLILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLILEY. Madam Speaker, it is indeed a high honor for me and a great personal privilege to recognize today and to present our guest chaplain, a longtime friend and constituent from Richmond, VA, the retired dean of the Cathedral of Sts. Constantine & Helen. Father Bombalis is not only a great religious leader, but he is a great community leader throughout Virginia, and certainly not least of which in our capital city, Richmond. He is a longtime friend. He is a wonderful pastor and a devoted father and husband, and it is, indeed, a great pleasure to have him here with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker pro tempore signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, October 15, 1997:

H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and

H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OCTOBER 15, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit correspondence received from the White House on October 15, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. and said to contain a mes-

sage from the President pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130) transmitting a cancellation with respect to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-56).

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

CANCELLATION OF SPECIFIC DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-155)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, pursuant to section 1025(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment and Control Act of 1974, referred to the Committee on Budget and the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, October 14, 1997.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998" (Public Law 105-56; H.R. 2266). I have determined that the cancellation of these amounts will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachments, constitute a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OCTOBER 16, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit correspondence received from the White House on October 16, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130) transmitting a cancellation with respect to the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-61).

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

CANCELLATION OF SPECIFIC DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-156)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, pursuant to section 1025(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, referred to the Committee on the Budget, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, October 16, 1997.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel the dollar amount of discretionary budget authority, as specified in the attached report, contained in the "Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1998" (Public Law 105-61; H.R. 2378). I have determined that the cancellation of this amount will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachment, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OCTOBER 17, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit correspondence received from the White House on October 17, 1997 at 2:11 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130) transmitting cancellations with respect to the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998 (H.R. 2203, approved October 13, 1997).

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

CANCELLATION OF SPECIFIC DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-157)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message